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SUBJECT: GAMBIAN GOVERNMENT AWARDS COST OF LIVING PAY INCREASES

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PARIS FOR RFC

ABIDJAN FOR RBFO

1. GOTG DECEMBER 12 ANNOUNCED WAGE INCREASE OF 30 BUTUTS (US .20)

PER DAY FOR ALL ITS DAILY WAGE WORKERS AND DALASIS 84 (US 52.50)

PER ANNUM INCREASE FOR SALARIED WORKERS, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1,
1973.

2. GOTG EXPRESSED HOPE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD FOLLOW GOVERNMENT'S

EXAMPLE.

3. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION RECOMMENDING TO LONDON ACROSS THE

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BOARD INCREASE OF D84 PUR ANNUM FOR ALL ITS LOCAL EMPLOYEES

INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS AND CONTRACT STAFFS.

4. COST OF LIVING HAS INCREASED SHARPLY IN RECENT MONTHS FOR
GAMBIANS.

GOVERNMENT ACTION IS MINIMAL RESPONSE TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH
YEAR-END CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM HOLIDAYS.

5. GOTG THIS WEEK ALSO INCREASED PRODUCER PRICE FOR PEANUTS,
PALM KERNELS, PADDY RICE AND COTTON.

6. POST RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING BRITISH EXAMPLE AND REQUESTS
INCREASES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 1973, AS FOLLOWS:

1 CLERK (DIRECT HIRE)

1 DRIVER (DIRECT HIRE)

1 MESSENGER (CONTRACT)

3 WATCHMEN (CONTRACT)

3 GARDENERS (CONTRACT)

1 COOK (ORE)

2 STEWARDS (ORE)

1 LAUNDRESS (ORE)

INCREASE AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 2.02 PER PAY PERIOD OR ABOUT D3.23.

THIS IS APPROXIMATELY \$48.50 FOR 15 PAY PERIODS BETWEEN DEC. 1,

73 AND JUNE 30, 1974 FOR EACH PERSON INVOLVED. TOTAL MUST BE
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ABOUT 630.00 DALASIS. NOT REALLY A VAST AMOUNT.

7. U.S.I.S. HAS ONE CONTRACT EMPLOYEE WHO IS ALSO AFFECTED
BY WAGE INCREASE. REQUEST INCREASE IN U.S.I.S. CONTRACT BY
84 DALASIS PER YEAR - 48.50 FOR REMAINDER OF FY-74.

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